

SRI QUMARAL ISLAM.—Whether it is a fact that as a result of the disturbances, three mosques were damaged, a Holy Koran was burnt along with the Carpet?

SRI K. H. RANGANATH.—Government know that a temple has been damaged costing about Rs. 500. About the mosque, a minaret of the mosque costing Rs. 1500 is damaged. If he wants to give a notice based on the documents which he has, he may do so. But as pointed out by the member of Kolar, let us not make much of these things in view of the peaceful atmosphere prevailing there. Still if the member wants to prove by documents that there was a preplanned attempt or a design, then he can raise the matter before the House by proper notice under the rules.

SRI QUMARAL ISLAM.—Whether it is a fact that a bus belonging to a muslim gentlemen was burnt down?

SRI K. H. RANGANATH.—Government is not aware of it. Government is aware of the damage caused to the mosque and the temple Government would not like to hide anything from the House.

SRI QUMARAL ISLAM.—The boys who led the procession, whether they belonged to the RSS organisation; whether they shouted the anti-muslim slogans and whether they after returning from the D.C's office looted the shops of the minority community?

SRI K. H. RANGANATH.—About 31 cases have been registered pertaining to the incident on that day and they are under investigation. The details of the incidents will come out after the completion of investigation. I would ask the hon. member to wait till the investigation is over. In the meanwhile if he wants to send in a notice, he can do so.

Additional Information on the murder of President Mercara

T. D. B.—(Contd)

Sir, as regards the affairs, i. e. the murder of the President, Mercara, T.D.B., I have received just now the latest information. One more person by name Nadubettu Krishnappa of Chembu Vllage has been arrested on 31-1-1979 at 23-00 hours. This is the latest information.

2.30 P.M.

Taking over the Mahadeva Textile Mills.

ಶ್ರೀ ಪಂಪಾಪತಿ.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ, ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳವರು ಸುಮಾರು ೬-೭ ತಿಂಗಳುಗಳ ಮುಂಚಿತವಾಗಿಯೇ ಈ ಮಹಾದೇವ ಟೆಕ್ಸ್ಟೈಲ್ ಮಿಲ್ಸ್‌ನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರೇ ವಹಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ನಡೆಸತಕ್ಕದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದರು. ಈಗ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಸುಮಾರು ೧೨೦೦ ಜನ ಕೆಲಸ

ಗಾರರು ಕೆಲಸವಿಲ್ಲದೇ ತೊಂದರೆಯಲ್ಲಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಎನ್ನುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನಾವು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರ ಗಮನವನ್ನು ಅನೇಕ ಸಾರಿ ಗಮನ ಸೆಳೆದಿದ್ದೇವೆ, ಮತ್ತು ಮನವಿಯನ್ನೂ ಸಹ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಆದರೆ ಇಲ್ಲಿಯವರೆಗೆ ಅದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಏನೂ ತೀರ್ಮಾನವಾಗಿಲ್ಲ. ಆ ಟೆಕ್ಸ್ಟೈಲ್‌ನ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಯವರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಸೋಮಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ ನವರು ಉಪವಾಸ ಸತ್ಯಾಗ್ರಹವನ್ನು ಆರಂಭಿಸಿ ಈಗ ಅವರ ಕಾಂತರ ಉಪವಾಸ ಸತ್ಯಾಗ್ರಹವನ್ನು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅದನ್ನು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭ ಮಾಡಿ ೩-೪ ದಿವಸಗಳಾಯಿತು. ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಏನು ಧೋರಣೆ ತಳೆದೆಯೇ ಮುಂದೆ ಏನು ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ಹಾಕಿಕೊಂಡಿದೆಯೋ ನಮಗಂತೂ ಅರ್ಥವಾಗುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ. ಮತ್ತು ಇನ್ನು ಕೆಲವರು ಹೊಟ್ಟೆಗಿಲ್ಲದೇ ಇರುವವರು ಬೇರೆ ಅವರು ಸಪರೇಟ್ ಆಗಿ ಅವರು ೭-೮ ದಿವಸಗಳಿಂದ ಉಪವಾಸ ಸತ್ಯಾಗ್ರಹವನ್ನು ನಡೆಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇಂಥಾ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಏನು ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಎಂಬುದು ತಿಳಿಯುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ, ಅದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳು ತ್ತಾರೋ ಇಲ್ಲವೋ ಎನ್ನುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಅನುಮಾನವಾಗಿದೆ. ಅದುದರಿಂದ ದಯವಿಟ್ಟು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳವರು ಆ ಮಿಲನ್ನು ಯಾವಾಗ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಆ ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆಯೆಂಬುದನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಆಗುತ್ತದೆಯೇ? ಅಲ್ಲಿಯವರೆಗೂ ಅವರಿಗೇ ಏನಾದರೂ ಸೌಕರ್ಯವನ್ನು ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಿ ಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆಯೇ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳವರು ಈ ಸದನ ದಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ತಮ್ಮ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಅವರನ್ನು ಕೇಳಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

SRI AZEEZ SAIT :—Sir, in the same House I had made a statement that the Government would take over the Mahadeva Textile Mills within six months. Accordingly, because the Legislature was not in session we had sent an ordinance after the approval of the Cabinet to the Government of India for President's assent. But in Delhi, the concerned Ministers have not given the concurrence to the ordinance to take over the Mill. It is only eight days back, we got the communication from the Govt. of India. Since the House is in session now, the question of issuing ordinance does not arise I would not like to disclose anything more in the public interest. But I can assure you that the Govt. of Karnataka is very eager to take over the Mills in the interest of suffering workers. Very recently, I got the Bill passed regarding MEI where 2,500 workers are working. I can assure you that within few days, action will be taken to start the Mills, Please wait some time and also you tell your Secretary to give up the agitation. It is action which results but not the agitation. Government is aware of the problem and will do the needful.

SRI B. V. KARKILLAYA :—You also please tell the workers to give up agitation.

SRI AZEEZ SAIT :—In such things I don't stand on formalities. It is a co-operative institution. In the interest of workers, I can assure you that the Mill will be reopened very shortly.

ಶ್ರೀ ಪಂಪಾಪತಿ :—ಕಳೆದ ಬಾರಿಯೇ ತಾವು ಇನ್ನು ೩ ತಿಂಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡು ನಡೆಸುವುದಾಗಿ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ ನಗರದಲ್ಲಿ ೧,೩೦೦ ಜನರು ಕೆಲಸವಿಲ್ಲದೇ ಜೀವನ ನಡೆಸುವುದು ಬಹಳ ಕಷ್ಟವಾಗಿದೆ. ಅವರಿಗೆ ಏನಾದರೂ ಪರಿಹಾರ ಒದಗಿಸಿ ಕೊಡಲು ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ?

SRI AZEEZ SAIT :—I don't think there needs any argument. Why the Govt. of India have not given their assent—it is not my responsibility - their partmen can ask. But the Government of Karnataka

is very much interested in it. I can assure that it will be taken over. In the public interest I will not disclose the details, I request my friend to have little more patience when things will improve.

SRI M. M. KHARGE :—May I know whether the Govt. is going too far to help or whether all the sick mills will be handed over to the National Textile Corporation?

SRI AZEET SAIT :—That is also before the Government. It is on the lines of Tamilnadu State. I have thought of some arrangement. Ultimately, the State Govt. will take over.

STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER FOR INFORMATION AND YOU THE SERVICES

re : Resignation of the Chief Engineer, K. E. B.

SRI K. H. SRINIVAS (Minister for Information and Youth Services).—Sir, under the provision of Rule 293, I would like to offer my personal explanation in respect of certain utterances made by C. M. Ibrahim on 23-1-1979. On 23-1-1979, hon. Member Sri C. M. Ibrahim sought your permission to raise a matter which was not given. But in spite of that, just before he staged a walk out he uttered few sentences which unfortunately contains serious allegations and it is very necessary for me to clarify the position. It reads like this : ಒಬ್ಬ ನಿಷ್ಠಾವಂತ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ ರಾಜೀನಾಮೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟು ಹೋಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಸ್. ಶರೀಫ್ ಎನ್ನುವ ಒಬ್ಬನೇ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ ೨೦ ವರ್ಷದಿಂದ ಸರ್ಕಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇವೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅವರ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಕಡೆಗಣಿಸಿ ವಿದ್ಯಾಭ್ಯಾಸ ಮಂಡಳಿಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳವರು ಆ ನಿಷ್ಠಾವಂತ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗೆ ರಾಜೀನಾಮೆ ಕೊಡುವಂತೆ ಒತ್ತಾಯಪಡಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ, ಅದುದರಿಂದ ಈ ವಿಷಯದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಚರ್ಚೆ ಮಾಡಲು ನನಗೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಡಬೇಕು ಆ ನಂತರ ಅವರು ಚರ್ಚೆ ಮಾಡಲು ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಡಲಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಸಭಾತ್ಯಾಗ ಮಾಡಿದರು.

This is with reference to a long leave availed by Sri Shariff who happened to be the Technical member of the State Electricity Board. Mr. Sheriff had been the Chief Engineer, and the Chief Engineer (General) in the Electricity Board and he was retired some time back. He is nominated by the State Government as a Technical Member of the State Electricity Board.

He continues to be Technical Member of the State Electricity Board. He has only availed leave. In fact, I was thinking that I would give my explanation sometime afterwards but in the meanwhile on 25-1-1979, I got a telephone call from Mr. Sheriff. He was very much perturbed about the statement made by Sri Ibrahim and